IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation-in-Part Application Under
37 CFR 1.53(b):

Prior Application:	Y. INABA et al Serial No. 10/232,721 Filed: September 9, 2002
Group Art Unit:	2175
Examiner:	J. Veillard
For:	A METHOD OF AND AN APPARATUS FOR RETRIEVING AND DELIVERING DOCUMENTS AND A RECORDING MEDIA ON WHICH A PROGRAM FOR RETRIEVING AND DELIVERING DOCUMENTS ARE STORED

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)
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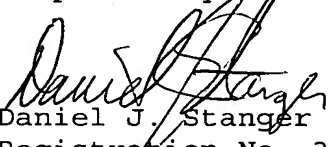Alexandria, VA 22313-1450   November 24, 2003

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The documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form

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The Applicants request the Examiner to initial and return

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	AB	5,991,755	11/23/99	Noguchi et al			
	AC	5,680,612	10/21/97	Asada et al			
	AD	5,745,745	04/28/98	Tada et al			
	AE	6,173,253	01/09/01	Abe et al			
	AF	5,970,485	10/19/99	Sugaya et al			
	AG	6,282,538	08/2001	Woods			
	AH	5,835,087	11/1998	Herz et al			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO
	AL	10-27182	01/27/98	Japan			☐	☐
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	AR	D. Harman, "Ranking Algorithms", INFORMATION RETRIEVAL, 1992, pp. 363-391
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